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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 55, wherein transferring control comprises transferring control to machine executable code for display of the first multimedia presentation including additional portions that differ from and do not include the portion duplicated by the first multimedia data item.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising: presenting said first multimedia presentation by executing said machine executable code.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first multimedia presentation is a video for video-on-demand selection.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first multimedia presentation is a speaker presentation comprising a plurality of media streams, where a first of said plurality of media streams includes said first multimedia data item.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said first multimedia data item is a miniature viewgraph indexing into other media streams that include an audio file, an image file of speaker notes, and a video file of a speaker giving a presentation.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 55, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a stacking technique in which successive multimedia

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data items are presented slightly overlapping one or more previously presented multimedia data items, and the method further includes:

controlling speed and direction of said one or more multimedia data items presented by stacking and unstacking successively presented multimedia data items in said presentation area.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 55, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a scrolling technique in which successive images are presented along a two-dimensional axis, and the method further includes:

controlling speed and direction of said one or more multimedia data items are presented by controlling the direction and speed at which said one or more multimedia data items are presented along said two-dimensional axis.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 55, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a three-dimensional presentation technique in which said multimedia

data items are presented with a three-dimensional perspective with regard to a display viewpoint at a particular time.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 55, wherein each of said four quadrants is further divided into four subquadrants, each of said four quadrants having an outermost subquadrant corresponding to an outermost corner of said quadrant with respect to said presentation area, each of said child multimedia data items being presented in an outermost subquadrant associated with a quadrant, an outer corner of said each child multimedia data item being randomly located within said outermost subquadrant.

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13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein each of said multimedia presentations includes at least two media streams, a first media stream being used and index into said second media stream, wherein said first and second media streams are different.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein said second media stream is an audio stream and said first media stream is an image-based medium.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein each of said first and second media streams are the same.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising: producing a database of indices, each of said indices being a multimedia data item.

Claims 17-26 (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein said machine executable code for transferring control includes machine executable code for transferring control to machine executable code for display of the first multimedia presentation including additional portions that differ from and do not include the portion that is duplicated by the first multimedia data item.

28. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 27, further comprising: machine executable code for presenting said first multimedia presentation by executing said machine executable code.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein said first multimedia presentation is a video for video-on-demand selection.

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31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein said first multimedia presentation is a speaker presentation using a plurality of media streams and a first of said plurality of media streams includes said first multimedia data item.

32. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 31, wherein said first multimedia data item is a miniature viewgraph indexing into other media streams that include an audio file, an image file of speaker notes, and a video file of a speaker giving a presentation.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a stacking technique in which successive multimedia data items are presented slightly overlapping one or more previously presented multimedia data items, and the computer program product further includes:

machine executable code for controlling speed and direction of said one or more multimedia data items presented by stacking and unstacking successively presented multimedia data items in said presentation area.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a scrolling technique in which successive images are presented along a two-dimensional axis, and the computer program product further includes:

machine executable code for controlling speed and direction of said one or more multimedia data items are presented by controlling the direction and speed at which said one or more multimedia data items are presented along said two-dimensional axis.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein said multimedia data items are presented in said presentation area using a three-dimensional

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presentation technique in which said multimedia data items are presented with a three-dimensional perspective with regard to a display viewpoint at a particular time.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 56, wherein each of said four quadrants is further divided into four subquadrants, each of said four quadrants having an outermost subquadrant corresponding to an outermost corner of said quadrant with respect to said presentation area, each of said child multimedia data items being presented in an outermost subquadrant associated with a quadrant, an outer corner of said each child multimedia data item being randomly located within said outermost subquadrant.

39. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein each of said multimedia presentations includes at least two media streams, a first media stream being used and index into said second media stream, wherein said first and second media streams are different.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 39, wherein said second media stream is an audio stream and said first media stream is an image-based medium.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 39, wherein each of said first and second media streams are the same.

42. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 27 further comprising: machine executable code for producing a database of indices, each of said indices being a multimedia data item.

Claims 43-54 (Cancelled).

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55. (Previously presented) A method executed in a computer system for selecting a multimedia presentation comprising:

providing a plurality of multimedia presentations in accordance with predetermined criteria;

providing one or more multimedia data items, each of said one or more multimedia data items being a duplicate of a portion of a corresponding one of said plurality of multimedia presentations;

presenting said one or more multimedia data items using a browser to select at least one of the plurality of multimedia presentations, said one or more multimedia data items being presented separately from said plurality of multimedia presentations, said viewing one or more multimedia data items includes:

a) presenting a hierarchical description of the information in an outline area; and

b) presenting said one or more multimedia data items in a presentation area, said hierarchical description being synchronized with a first temporal arrangement of said one or more multimedia data items in said presentation area;

controlling direction and speed of said presenting of said one or more multimedia data items;

selecting a first of said one or more multimedia data items; and

transferring control to machine executable code associated with a first of said plurality of multimedia presentations corresponding to said first multimedia data item;

wherein some of said multimedia data items includes a group of one or more images having a parent-child relationship in which there is one parent multimedia data item and one or more child multimedia data items, and the method further includes:

dividing said presentation area into four quadrants;

presenting said parent multimedia data item near a center of said presentation area; and

presenting subsequent child multimedia data items beginning in an upper left quadrant and proceeding to present successive multimedia data items on a clockwise rotation in successive quadrants.

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56. (Previously presented) A computer program product stored in a computer-readable medium for selecting a multimedia presentation comprising:

machine executable code for providing a plurality of multimedia presentations in accordance with predetermined criteria;

machine executable code for providing one or more multimedia data items, each of said one or more multimedia data items being a duplicate of a portion of a corresponding one of said plurality of multimedia presentations;

machine executable code for presenting said one or more multimedia data items using a browser to select at least one of said plurality of multimedia presentations, said one or more multimedia data items being presented separately from said plurality of multimedia presentations, wherein said machine executable code for presenting said one or more multimedia data items includes:

a) machine executable code for presenting a hierarchical description of the information in an outline area; and

b) machine executable code for presenting said one or more multimedia data items in a presentation area, said hierarchical description being synchronized with a first temporal arrangement of said one or more multimedia data items in said presentation area;

machine executable code for controlling direction and speed of said presenting of said one or more multimedia data items;

machine executable code for selecting a first of said one or more multimedia data items; and

machine executable code for transferring control to machine executable code associated with a first of said plurality of multimedia presentations corresponding to said first multimedia data item;

wherein some of said multimedia data items includes a group of one or more images having a parent-child relationship in which there is one parent multimedia data item and one or more child multimedia data items, and the computer program product further includes:

machine executable code for dividing said presentation area into four quadrants;

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machine executable code for presenting said parent multimedia data item near a center of said presentation area; and

machine executable code for presenting subsequent child multimedia data items beginning in an upper left quadrant and proceeding to present successive multimedia data items on a clockwise rotation in successive quadrants.